

CHAMBER SEEKS FIRST-HAND FACTS

Sends Committee to Washington to Find Out About New Freight Rate Tariff.

NOT FIGHTING CAROLINA

Chief Aim Is to Protect Richmond Shippers From Danger of Discrimination.

In order to forestall the possibility of unreasonable discrimination against Richmond shippers in the proposed new freight rates between North Carolina and points in the West, the committee on inland trade of the Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee of five yesterday afternoon to go at once to Washington and discuss with Lincoln Green, freight traffic manager of the Southern Railway, features of the new tariff.

On this committee are Alvin M. Smith, John B. Plunder, J. J. Armistead, H. S. Bluswanger and E. S. Goodman, traffic manager of the Chamber of Commerce. This party is not empowered to make or entertain proposals; it is authorized merely to learn from Mr. Green the exact terms of the new rate schedule.

"It is in no sense the desire of this Chamber of Commerce to stand in the way of the freight rate revision which the North Carolina people are seeking," said Mr. Goodman. "We only hope to protect the interests of Richmond shippers from possible unjust discrimination. There is no real knowledge that such discrimination is contemplated in the proposed revised tariff, but the chamber committee is investigating the new rates merely as a precautionary measure."

Roads Refused to Accept It.

Officials of the North Carolina railways have been in constant consultation with the North Carolina Corporation Commission for the last few weeks, and only on Saturday refused to accept the revised schedule advanced by the commission. In return, before taking the fight to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the roads asked permission to delay the hearings until April 29, when they will propose a new tariff for approval. Knowing nothing of the provisions of the schedule to be submitted by the railroad, the local shippers naturally became apprehensive and took steps to obtain first-hand information.

North Carolina is fighting for a greatly reduced freight rate between cities in that State and the West. These large reductions will materially affect the rates between Lynchburg, Roanoke and other Western railway cities and North Carolina, perhaps even enabling the Western shippers to deal the Richmond merchants a severe blow in the Carolina market.

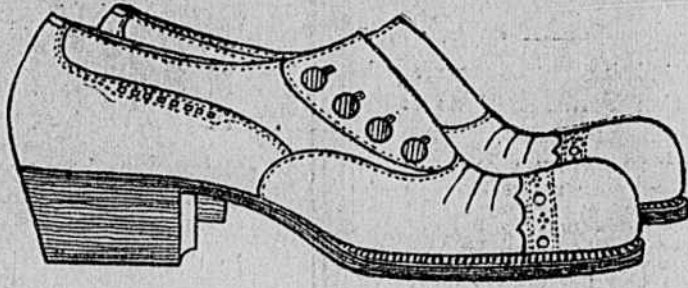
DEEDS FOR SHAFTER TRACT.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Bristol, Va., April 25.—Following the rendition here of deeds covering the Douglas lands around White Top Mountain in Virginia and Tennessee, the Federal government to-day directed the preparation of deeds for the Shafter tract, in Sullivan and Johnson Counties, Tenn. The two tracts embrace 15,515 acres. They are to comprise a part of the Appalachian timber reserve.

BRODNAX DRUGGIST COMMITS SUICIDE

Brodna, Va., April 25.—Dr. W. A. Taylor, a well-known and popular druggist of this place, committed suicide yesterday morning by shooting himself in the mouth with a pistol. No reason could be assigned for his act, except that he was in a nervous condition of his mind was not normal. The funeral was held at the family burying-ground this afternoon.



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Odds and Ends From the Wire

CUPID'S NOTE IN A BOTTLE.

Peroxide's Companion in Due Time Brings Matrimony.

Scranton, Pa., April 25.—Finding a note wrapped around a bottle of peroxide he purchased seven months ago, Clarence Myers, an engineer of Carbondale, wrote to the young woman, who had written it, Miss Grace Hobart, of New York.

The note led to a correspondence, which quickly ripened to friendship. Mr. Myers followed his letters by a visit in person, and was charmed with the young woman. That he met favor in her eyes was shown by the fact that she accepted his offer of marriage, and yesterday they were united, the ceremony being performed in a newly furnished home in Carbondale.

REPENTS CHILDISH TRENDS.

Philadelphia Woman Seeks to Make Restitution 27 Years After.

Wilmington, Del., April 25.—Her conscience troubling her because of petty pilfering from schoolmates when she was a child, a woman who withholds her name is now endeavoring to make restitution to those whom she thinks she has wronged. After twenty-seven years she has set to work to get into communication with those from whom she took pencils, tablets and even a silk muffler, to unburden her heart to them and to make restitution for the articles she took.

The woman gives a list of girls from whom she stole things and the schools they attended with her years ago. If any of these be living she asks them to communicate with or visit Rev. W. F. Corkran, pastor of Union Methodist Episcopal Church, at his home, 505 Washington Street.

Dr. Corkran vouches for the sincerity of the woman. He said she lives in

Philadelphia and enlisted him in her effort to make restitution.

OLD HORSE HEEDS THE BELL.

Former Fire Steed Follows Ambulance With Hucker's Wagon.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 25.—When the City Hospital ambulance swung from Ohio into Pacific Avenue on a hurry call, a horse standing a short distance away, attached to a wagon heaped with fruits and vegetables, pricked up its ears and bolted down the avenue in its wake. The owner of the animal, John Scarboro, a huckster, emerged from a nearby house at the same time and gave chase, but he was badly handicapped by a peck of potatoes under one arm and a bunch of bananas under the other, both of which he forgot to drop in his excitement.

The horse was easily followed by the trail of fruit left in its wake, and when finally captured several squares distant the wagon was empty. A bystander recognized the animal as one that once was attached to a local fire station, and volunteered to its owner this explanation of the runaway.

SAVES HIS DROWNING FUGITIVE.

Theft That Led to It Desperate Man's Rent Raiser.

Wilmington, Del., April 25.—Attempting to escape arrest when detected prowling about the yards of the Pullman Car Company, Harry Moore, aged twenty-eight, jumped into Brandywine Creek and nearly drowned when his strength failed. He was dragged into a rowboat and rescued by John Peoples, the night watchman, whom he was trying to evade and who later had him locked up for larceny.

Moore had 400 pounds of lead piled near him when he jumped in. He told the police he had no money. He said the police he had no money. He said the police he had no money. He said the police he had no money.

KILLS PREAK JIM CROW LAW.

As Written It Would Depopulate White Blocks.

Baltimore, Md., April 25.—The segregation ordinance, framed to prevent negroes from moving into city blocks already occupied by whites, was declared invalid by Judge Elliott in the Criminal Court. He said it was unenforceable.

"The way the law stands," the court continued, "it is prohibited either for a white or a colored person to move into a mixed block, or to remain in such a block." Enforcement of the law, he said, would depopulate every block in the city in which the black and white families are now residing.

BUTTON STRIKE HAS 8,000.

Miners Spread Their Demonstration to Larger Proportions.

Shamokin, Pa., April 25.—"Button strike," which was inaugurated on Tuesday by employees of the Mineral and Susquehanna Coal Companies, and which at first affected the Cameron, Hickory Ridge and Scott Collieries, later extended to the Pennsylvania, Luke Elder, Hickory Swamp, Enterprise, Midvalley and Colbert Collieries. Look on more strength to-day, when 1,200 employees at the Richards Colliery, owned by the Mineral Company, joined in the tie-up. Eight thousand men and boys are now idle.

SLAIN MAN TIED TO A ROCK.

Robbed and Killed After Visit to a Barber Shop.

New Brunswick, N. J., April 25.—Tied at the end of a thirty-foot length of rope, fastened to a rock at the shore's edge, the body of Charles H. Miner, thirty years old, was found in the Raritan River. There were bruises and cuts, indicating death was by violence. A gold watch and \$50 were missing, according to the family, and the police were asked to investigate. Miner did not return home after visiting a barber shop.

IN SESSION AT DAYTON.

Annual Meeting of Virginia Branch, Woman's Missionary Association.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Harrisonburg, Va., April 25.—The seventh annual meeting of the Virginia Branch of the Woman's Missionary Association opened to-night in the United Brethren Church in Dayton, Rockingham County, and will continue until Sunday night. Delegates are present from Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia. Miss Ida Funk, secretary of the association, presided, delivered the address of welcome to the night. Greetings to visitors were extended by Mrs. J. K. Ruesch, of Dayton, with response by Mrs. B. H. Gruver, of Reliance. Among the delegates present is Miss Ida Judy, of Petersburg, W. Va., the well-known conference evangelist.

OPEN NEW MARKET FOR CITY'S BONDS

Second Auditor Page Defends Virginia Against Charge of Default in Debt.

SETS EXAMPLE OF HONESTY

Accountant Crenshaw Made Inquiry—New England's Unfavorable Laws.

Replying to a suggestion on the part of a firm of bankers that difficulty would be found in marketing bonds of the city of Richmond in certain quarters because the State of Virginia at one time defaulted in payment of its bonded obligations, Second Auditor Rosewell Page has written a defense of the Commonwealth in regard to its settlement of the public debt. He denies that there was ever any default.

"Virginia has acted well," says Mr. Page, inclosing his statement, "in that through the years since the war she has hardly allowed herself sufficient money to maintain her government and the necessary institutions which belong to a civilized State, in order to meet her obligations contracted in the days of her prosperity and before there was taken from her territory which, in the course of years, bids fair to be the richest mineral area of equal extent in the world." Further, commenting on the fact that one-seventh of Virginia's total income is now appropriated to the payment of interest and toward a sinking fund, the Second Auditor says that such action "hardly finds a parallel in States, communities or individuals. The family that takes one-seventh of its income to pay debts promptly, upon a basis satisfactory to its creditors, may well be thought to set a good example of honesty and fair dealing."

Richmond Bonds Involved.

Inquiry regarding the matter was made of Mr. Page by George S. Crenshaw, Special Accountant of the city of Richmond. Mr. Crenshaw had received a letter from a firm of Baltimore bankers, which is engaged in marketing 4 per cent bonds issued by the city. This firm inquired "the date of Virginia's first default on its bonds. You will recall that the bankers' letter, 'that there was a judgment of the debt of the State in 1871, but we are unable to ascertain the exact date when the State defaulted on its bonds.'"

It seems this inquiry was prompted by the fact that in certain New England States there are laws forbidding savings banks to invest in bonds of States which have defaulted, unless such failure to pay was prior to 1851. So the bankers wanted the date. Mr. Crenshaw passed the query along to the Second Auditor of Virginia.

Was No Default.

The reply of Mr. Page is a succinct statement of the debt history and its settlement. In the outset, he begs leave to say that there is no record of any default in Virginia bonds. That so far from it, as soon as the war ended, the Virginia people got together, and, by their General Assembly, capitalized even the interest that was past due under what is known as the act of March 12, 1865.

In 1871, the time referred to by the bankers, there was set aside what was thought to be a just proportion of the debt as the share of West Virginia. As a matter of fact, the Wheeling ordinance of 1861 specifically declared that the new State should take upon itself a just proportion of the public debt of the Commonwealth. In the Constitution of West Virginia, ratified by her voters at the polls, it was required that this debt be assumed and liquidated. True, West Virginia has since repudiated it many times, but the Supreme Court of the United States has upheld Virginia's claim.

Settlement Satisfied All.

"All questions as to Virginia's liability to her creditors," proceeds Mr. Page, "was set at rest by the debt settlement of 1892, known as the Centennial Act, whereby Virginia satisfied her creditors upon terms mutually satisfactory to all, which is duly evidenced by the opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States." "on a suit allowed to be brought in her own name for the benefit of those holding West Virginia certificates, and which was mutually satisfactory to the holders of the securities involved."

"The readjustment period in the early 80's, which turned the State upside down politically, had this in its favor: It showed the impossibility of action taken thereunder before confirmed by the Century settlement made with the bondholders."

Acknowledging the receipt of the Second Auditor's letter, Accountant Crenshaw says it ought to clear up the situation and help to open a new market for State and city bonds.

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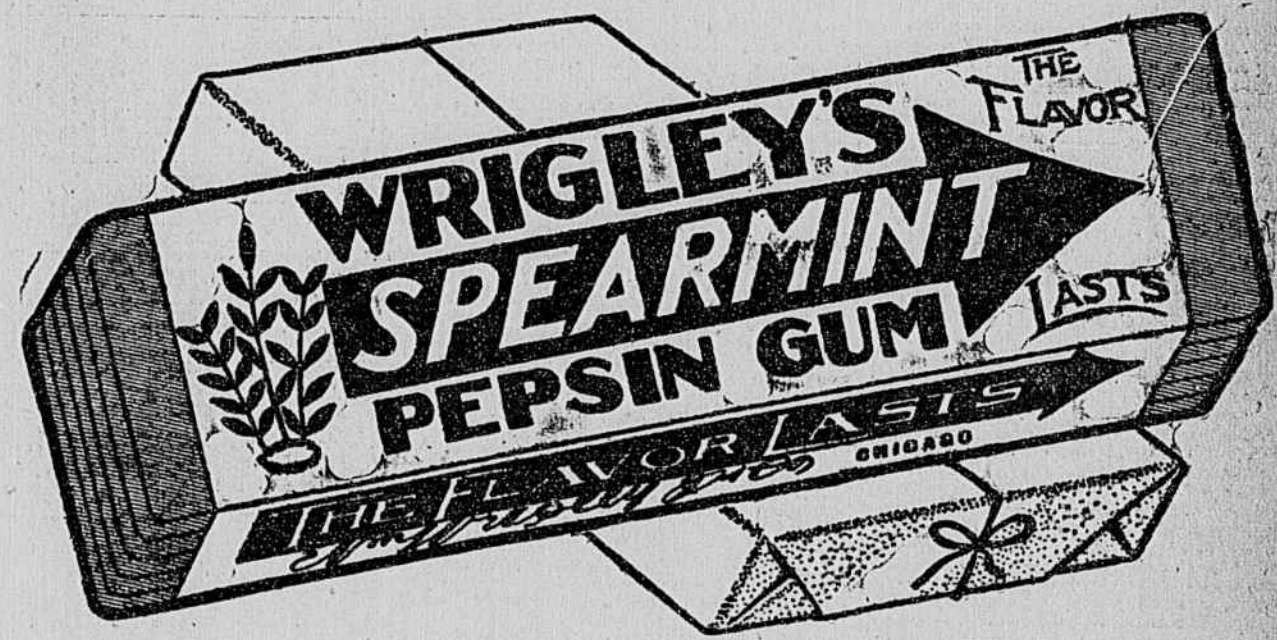


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Short News Stories From All Over Virginia

GOVERNMENT DEED RECORDED.

Shows Purchase of Douglas Lands Around White Top Mountain.

Bristol, Va., April 25.—The United States government has just had recorded here and at Abingdon, Va., and Mountain City, Tenn., a deed showing the purchase through representatives of the Forestry Department of the Douglas lands around White Top Mountain. This purchase includes 15,515 acres, lying in Washington County Va., and Johnson and Sullivan Counties, Tenn. This is the first deed to be closed in this portion of the proposed Appalachian reserve, the purchase having been made under the act establishing a timber reservation.

Government inspectors are now investigating the titles to another tract of land, known as the Shafter boundary, which embraces 2,000 acres. It is believed the Shafter boundary will be added to the government's purchases in this region. Representative Sam Sells, of the First Tennessee District, is interested in the purchase mentioned and has been making a tour of the lands for the most part within his district.

COMPILING ANNEXATION DATA.

Civic League of Portsmouth Will Receive Report on May 12.

Portsmouth, Va., April 25.—Thought it is expected that a report will be ready for transmission to the Civic League at its meeting on Monday, May 12, nothing of a really definite character has been done as yet in regard to annexation by the committee appointed by the league to handle the city's proposals laid before the Civic League a short time ago.

It was learned last night that the financial statement of the city's annexation is now in the hands of W. P. Hillon, a certified public accountant, who is a resident of Port Norfolk. He is shaping up the figures so that they may be available for the use of the annexation committee in arriving at a definite conclusion whether or not the proposal made by Portsmouth is an advantageous one.

It was also learned that the Port Norfolk annexation committee will probably have a meeting late this week or early in the next. The committee will be made up of representatives from the city, Portsmouth, and the surrounding territory. The committee will be made up of representatives from the city, Portsmouth, and the surrounding territory.

When the annexation committee on annexation is ready to report, it was learned last night, no recommendation will be made to the city. The committee will merely make a report, and not as a recommendationary measure. The committee will be made up of representatives from the city, Portsmouth, and the surrounding territory.

RAVEN SOCIETY INITIATES.

Several Men from Various University Departments Become Members.

Charlottesville, Va., April 25.—The Raven Society of the University of Virginia has initiated the following for the current session: College—Donald MacKenzie, Faulkner, of Boynton; Robert Kent Gough, of Charlottesville; Linwood D. Keyser, of Roanoke; Alexander H. Nelson, of San Francisco, Cal.; John E. Roderick, Jr., of Rock Hill, S. C.; and J. B. Stone, Jr., of Hurt.

Law School—Clarence O. Ammonette, of Madison Heights; Lawrence B. Burrow, of St. Louis; Walter G. Dunnington, Jr., of Farmville; Walter J. Elchbauer, of Brooklyn; D. B. Gonde, of Gastonburg, Ala.; Charles H. Dover, of Hendersonville, N. C.; and Frank W. Rogers, of Dendron, Va.

Engineering School—J. Lile Campbell, of Charlottesville; Garnett Y. Carpenter, of Roanoke; James C. Lamb, of Warsaw, and

Charles Edward Thornton, of the University of Virginia.

Graduate School—H. L. Church, of Norfolk; C. H. Parsons, of Townsend, and Gilbert P. Voight, of Newberry, S. C.

Medical School—V. E. Bean, Jr., of Clifton, S. C.; E. L. Power, of Abbeville, S. C.; T. B. Reeves, of Greenville, S. C.; and D. H. Witt, of Charlottesville.

University at Large—Joseph Gray Dinwiddie, of Charlottesville, and C. T. Steger, of Danville.

Editor-in-Chief of Corks and Curls—Oscar W. Underwood, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala.

NOVEL FLY CRUSADE.

Students Promised Credit of Points on Their Academic Grades.

Lawrenceville, Va., April 25.—A novel fly crusade began in the Lawrenceville public schools Thursday morning. Principal George D. Rowe made the proposition to the pupils that each one that would kill a stated number of flies each day from now until the end of the session would be credited with a few points on their academic grades for this health work. Both the grade and high school pupils took up the proposition with enthusiasm, and the merchants report a record-breaking sale of fly swatters. The parents seem to like the idea, for they are confident that by these means the number of flies in Lawrenceville this summer will be smaller than usual.

PETITION WILL BE FILED.

Alexandria Will Make Effort to Continue Annexation Fight.

Alexandria, Va., April 25.—A petition for an appeal in the city's annexation suit, whereby the city desires to obtain a part of Alexandria and Fairfax Counties, will be filed with the Court of Appeals next month. The record having been completed by George H. Rucker, clerk of the Alexandria County Court. As soon as the attorneys interested can verify the record the petition to the Court of Appeals will not, however, consider the petition until it convenes in June at Wytheville. The record contains twenty typewritten pages and contains twenty maps. This city will be represented before the higher court by Corporation Attorney S. P. Fisher and Attorneys John M. Johnson and S. G. Brent.

CHAM KATAHDIN SUNK.

Target for Torpedoes Containing New Kind of Explosive.

Norfolk, Va., April 25.—Unconfirmed reports received in this city last night say the old ram Katahdin was sunk in Chesapeake Bay Wednesday while being fired on by the battleships Delaware and Rhode Island. The Katahdin was anchored near the mouth of the Potomac River and the warships fired torpedoes at her. The torpedoes contained a new kind of explosive and the Katahdin was selected as the target on this death-dealing projectile was to be tested.

No details of the actual damage done the old ram were received here, but official reports say one of the torpedoes pierced the armor of the Katahdin below the water line and the old vessel settled in the mud. The naval tug Rocket with a wrecking outfit left yesterday for Chesapeake Bay and will raise the Katahdin if practicable and tow her back to the Norfolk Navy Yard.

BUSY REAL ESTATE MARKET.

Several Large Sales of Potomac Property Recently Made.

Pocomoke, Va., April 25.—Real estate has been much in demand here for the past few weeks, and the largest number of sales in many months were transacted.

Major Samuel Maxey sold his property on St. Clair Street for \$20,000 to a syndicate, which also bought the property of the colored Odd-Fellows on the same street for \$2,000.

James H. McNeer purchased the Bailey

block on the corner of St. Clair and Centre Street for \$2,000.

Charles Stump sold his property on Church Street, known as the Eakin property, to Johnston and Pettus for \$5,000.

MUST PROVIDE MORE MONEY.

West Point, After May 1, Will Receive No More Liquor Tax.

West Point, Va., April 25.—After May 1 the saloons will be closed and the town will not afterward receive any liquor tax, so some emergency measures will have to be taken to supply for the present this lack. The Council met in regular meeting to discuss ways and means to increase the income of the treasury until there has been time for adjustment. It is stated, however, that in no event will taxes be raised.

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